

TRAVEL OF PUBLIC VESSELS AND SERVICE AIRCRAFT

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The Canadian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State

CANADIAN LEGATION
WASHINGTON
December 16, 1940

No. 402

SIR:

With a view to simplifying the procedure in connection with the travel of public vessels and service aircraft of the two countries, I have the honour to propose that an agreement, subject to termination upon notification by either party, be entered into between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America to provide for the following:

(1) Passage, upon local notification, of United States public vessels through Canadian waters and United States service aircraft over Canadian territory while en route between United States ports and Alaska or United States bases in Newfoundland.

(2) Visits of public vessels and service aircraft of either of the two countries to ports of the other country, upon local notification, when engaged on matters connected with the joint defence of Canada and the United States.

(3) Upon local notification, flights of Canadian service aircraft over that part of the State of Maine which lies along the route between Quebec and the Maritime Provinces when such flights are on matters pertaining to the joint defence of Canada and the United States.

(4) Upon local notification, flights of United States service aircraft between points in the United States over the Ontario peninsula, including the prohibited area.

I have the honour to suggest that, if an agreement in the sense of the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the United States, this note and

¹ Superseded by recommendations of U.S.-Canada Permanent Joint Board on Defense.

your reply thereto in similar terms shall be regarded as placing on record the understanding arrived at between the two Governments concerning this matter.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

MERCHANT MAHONEY
Chargé d'Affaires

The Hon. CORDELL HULL,
Secretary of State of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

The Secretary of State to the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DECEMBER 16, 1940

SIR:

I refer to your note of this day's date in which, with a view to simplifying the procedure in connection with the travel of public vessels and service aircraft of the two countries, you propose that an agreement, subject to termination upon notification by either party, be entered into between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada to provide for the following:

[For terms of agreement, see numbered paragraphs in U.S. note, above.]

I am pleased to inform you that an agreement in the terms of the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the United States and that this note, and your note under reference, will be regarded as placing on record the understanding arrived at between the two Governments concerning this matter.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

CORDELL HULL

Mr. MERCHANT MAHONEY, C.B.E.,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Canada.